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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"No, Sir; the Government of India themselves say that for elementary schools as far as possible, wherever it is administratively possible, we may give instruction in the mother-tongue; but for secondary schools they do not say so, they use the words 'regional language' in their case."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I request the Government to publish the resolution of the communication issued by the Government of India, so that we may know where we stand?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"I think it was published in the Press some time ago."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—"What is the regional language for Madras City?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"That question has been answered once before."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"May I know what the regional language for Bellary is?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"I think that question does not arise; and certainly it does not arise out of this question."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"Does not the resolution of Government of India say categorically that no child under twelve years of age should be compelled to read a second language?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"I could not categorically say 'yes' to this; but if a separate question is put, Sir, it will be answered."

Proposal to build pre-fabricated houses.

* 118 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Firka Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the Press Reports (e.g., The "Hindu" of 3rd August 1948) that the Government of India were starting a factory for building pre-fabricated houses;

(*b*) whether the Government have obtained any information from the Government of India as to the size and cost of mass-produced pre-fabricated houses; and

(*c*) whether the Government have considered the desirability of starting a similar factory in Madras for making pre fabricated houses?

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—"(*a*) Yes, Sir, the Government have seen reports in the Press.

"(*b*) The Government of India have been addressed for the details of the scheme and their reply is awaited.

"(c) The Provincial Housing Committee which examined this question, expressed the opinion that pre-fabricated houses are not suitable for the conditions of this Province. The Government have not therefore pursued the question."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"Have the Government considered the question of constructing houses with cement hollow bricks as are being used in the Tungabhadra area which the Minister recently visited? I think the cost of such houses comes to Rupees 3,000 to Rs. 5,000."

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—"The Government are experimenting on that."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"What are the reasons, may I know, why the Committee rejected the idea of pre-fabricated houses?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—"In the first place, for this climate, pre-fabricated houses will be warm and secondly it will be cheaper to build regular houses than to get pre-fabricated houses from elsewhere."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"Is not the Government of India scheme subsequent to the report of the Committee? If so, will the Government re-examine the position?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—"I have answered already that we are awaiting the report of the Government of India on the question."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—"Are the Government giving any assistance for the construction of houses in the Madras Province?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—"The Government are giving help."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—"Can the Hon. Minister say that even a single hut has been constructed and completed with Government assistance, during the last one year?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—"I cannot give a report like that; I have to call for a report from the department."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—"Not even about one house having been constructed?"

MR. PRESIDENT :—"I suppose the Minister would have given it if he had the information."

MRS. MONA HENSMAN :—"With all due regard to the opinion of the Provincial Housing Committee, I should like to know whether pre-fabricated houses would not do very well for offices, and if so and if they could be built will they not set free the dwelling houses which are now being used for officers?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—"Pre-fabricated houses are not ready yet; we are awaiting the report of the Government of India."

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SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Are the Government getting any assistance or loans from the Government of India in this respect ? "

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" Yes, we are getting loans from the Central Government."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" In view of the fact that pre-fabricated houses are not suited to the climatic conditions of this province, have the Government in view any other scheme for building houses having regard to the scarcity of houses in this province ? "

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" I am putting forth all my energy in trying to get hold of people who would build cheaper houses. Even last night, I was discussing the question with some people."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Has the Hon. Minister himself seen a pre-fabricated house ? "

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" There is no pre-fabricated house anywhere in India."

Disposal of cases under the House Rent Control Act in Ellore.

* 119 *Q*.—SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Firka Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the facts that the parties to suits have been subjected to a lot of inconvenience, annoyance and trouble and much unnecessary expenses in connexion with the disposal of cases under the House Rent Control Orders or Act before the Revenue Divisional Officer, Ellore ;

(*b*) how many cases under the House Rent Control Act were filed before the House Rent Control Officer at Ellore for the last two years and the dates and the places where they are enquired into ; and

(*c*) how many adjournments has each case undergone ; and with what result ?

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Numbers of cases filed under the Act are 4 in 1946, 94 in 1947 and 46 in 1948 (up to 30th June 1948). The Government consider that the time and labour involved in furnishing the other details in respect of these cases will not be commensurate with the public interest served thereby."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of transferring this work to the District Munsifs who can dispose of these cases much better ? "

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" We shall consider that question."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that the parties are put to considerable trouble and inconvenience on